IM, W-2, Child Care Coordination Committee Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2004

Present: Edie Sprehn, Shirley Ross, Sara Edmonds, Vanessa Robertson,
Marilyn Putz, Shirley Kitchen, Amy Mendel-Clemens, Pat Steliga, Connie
Hendries, Lynn Brenner, Tad Mengesha.

1.   Sara reported on the meeting that took place between IM and WHEAP
      staff on April 20th. They agreed to look at :
      a. Overlap between WHEAP and DHFS/DWS programs.
      b. DHFS will look at improving work load for local staff
      c. DOE may be interested in participating in the Food Stamp Program
          Participation Grant in the self-assessment tool.
      d. DOE is not interested in participating in the Data Exchange Work
          Group
      e. Doe has expended resources in the last year to update system so
          are not interested in making any system changes.

2.   Discussion of issues and concerns of new employer verification
      system.
      a. Local agencies are concerned about the impacts on child care and
          the customer service of doing timely verification for authorizations.
      b. Verification alerts are going to the workers and for those counties
          with change centers, this leaves the change center out and is
          causing large processing problems.
      c. Serving customer timely
      d. What about print capability for local agencies when we go to the
          WEB?
      e. WP screens employer verification- effort to work this out
      f.   New hire data from KIDS- need common denominator-MCI
      g. Poor turn around time

      Sara did report that there has been a drop in Food Stamp errors. It was
      pointed out that AGVC is not available for the worker to print out to give to
      the customer.

3.   Electronic Case Files

      This is really rough at this point, it is able to hold images and auto-
      populate, and they are working on updating.
      Coming soon-scan able files, LaCrosse will pilot and Milwaukee is
      working on it.

4.   Broad-based Eligibility

a. Will consider everyone TANF- and categorical, using TANF elements to educate
b. 200% income test
c. Do away with gross test
d. Looking at 24 month certifications for EBD with no earned income.

5. Conversion to Active Directory
   a. June 14 statewide
   b. New software to access WEB application
   c. One user ID to access BST, CATS, CRPC, CCPI, CWA, EATS, NEWMAN, Long term Care.
   d. Will not affect CARES log-in
   e. Ops Memo-next week

6. Other
   This group will remain a standing committee and the name will change to "Program Connection" and will still include W2, IM, CC, but also add Child Welfare. The state lead will remain Edie Sprehn with back-up from Gerry Mayhew. Amy Mendel-Clemens will be the committee lead for DHFS and John Rathman will be the local agency lead.

7. Agenda item for next time

   a. SMIRF for child care
   b. Availability of W2 report card.

Next meeting June 17th

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Kitchen